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Children of the Streets.

Like the stars of the morning
The bright crown adorning,
They shall shine in their beauty,
Bright gems for the crown.

Through the kindness of Capt. Brice we are able to give our readers a picture of a group of Little Soldiers from the 1st Montreal Corps, and this gives us the opportunity of again lifting up our voice in behalf of the Little Soldiers' War. The children's corps at Montreal was formed in January, 1887, and for the most part the work has been under the direction of Sergt. Little White, who with a steady pur-

to be fairly on the way to splendid victories and success.

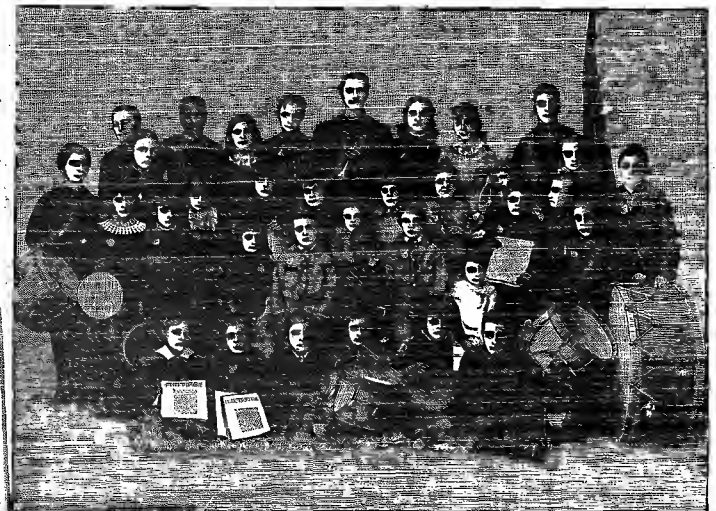
Whilst this is a matter for much thankfulness and congratulation to all lovers of God's little ones, it also opens up a matter for serious reflection in reference to our children's work. It appears to us a remarkable fact that whilst in Montreal, a city beset with peculiar difficulties, there should have been a steady and satisfactory work going on amongst the children for nearly two years, with one exception, there is no other corps in the Dominion of which the same satisfactory report can be given. It is true there are little soldiers' corps in almost every station, and that little ones are continually being brought to God, and

mind is made perfectly clear by this state of things and it is so, that there can be no great difficulty in the way, we always find a work done amongst the children where there is an effort made, and to strengthen this conclusion there are certain officers who, whenever they go, leave a thriving Little Soldier's corps behind them, but unfortunately these officers are only few, and in nearly every case when they disappear from a station the little corps disappears with them, simply, as we take it, from the lack of interest, determination, and hard work in this direction by their successors.

Another lesson, too, is brought home to us by this state of things, and it is this

though officers are before and above all responsible for the matter, it is after all largely a matter for the resident soldiers to take up. Here then is another matter for consideration for our sister comrades during Self Denial Week. "What time, what case, what hours of leisure can I give up to God for the Little Soldiers?"

This is a work that cannot perhaps more than any for the future of Canadian Salvationists, save, for the future of our country at large. The most precious thing in the world is a human being; the lowest, poorest, and most degraded of human beings is better than all the dumb animals in the world, there is an infinite, priceless capacity in that creature degraded as it may be,



CHILDREN OF THE REGIMENT—MONTREAL 1.

poor and steady persistency has struggled on against all obstacles and discouragements. At the present time there are some forty members in the children's roll, and there are latest part give satisfactory evidence of changed heart. Since the time that St. Brice has been in charge he has kept all that corresponded which has made successful with the little ones in other places, to bear upon the children's work is consequently street-marches and regular meetings have been commenced, and spite of some opposition, have made decided impression for good upon the poor mind, and altogether the Little Soldiers of Montreal 1, appear

trained for the salvation war, but the work as an aggressive and determined effort is only sporadic. True, we see in places, from time to time, a brightening up and wonderful quickening, where there is a personal effort by some individual officer, and just at the time, after perhaps the lapse of six months or thereabouts, when we look for a settling down to real, solid, permanent work, we find the officer has been removed and the success for some reason or other lost the opportunity slip, and in a week or two the work has stopped, the little corps is discontinued and very often in a very little time it has disappeared altogether. There is one thing which to our

value of the system of Little Soldiers' Sergeants. Here at Montreal we have a vigorous corps, steadily gaining ground for two years, directed for the most part by a godly lass, a resident soldier, upon whom God has laid the burden of the little one's soul. There is only one other corps in the Dominion, as far as we know, of which a like record can be quoted, and that is Lippincott Street, where, under exactly similar circumstances, Sergt. Mrs. Griffiths has for a long time been leading forward a gallant band of real blood and fire little soldiers. It is evident then that where persistent and persevering effort is made there is the question of success, and at

a capability of virtue and of social and industrial use, which if it is taken in time, may be developed up to a pitch of which at first sight the child gives no hint whatever. It is the richest of our duties in life to see that every child born shall be developed to the highest pitch we can develop him, in physical strength and beauty as well as in intellect and virtue and godliness. It is a distressing thing to see a child die. A dying child to me is the most dreadful thing in the world. A dying man, a man dying on the field of battle, that is a small evil; he has taken his chance; he has had his excitement; he

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According to traditional twelving it is pollution for the lips to touch the drinking vessel, and so they drank by opening wide the mouth and pouring a stream of water down the throat. This exhibition was as inspiring, especially when it became known that the volunteer brigade would have to acquire the method or offend native sensibilities.

times a week have I both my walking stick and my hat, and I have been in there only eighteen years of age, lying prostrate at my feet, stricken down by grief. I do not tell this for my own sake. What profit could a man gain by such a shameful reveal? It is but to extol Him who has given me so great a deliverance." The next day, Appleton gave a short sketch of the idea. The idea originated with Herbert Booth, the third son of the General, who is coming to Canada shortly. He called for twenty-five handsmen to give themselves up for life, without a cent of salary, to form a permanent organization, to be called the band of the Household Troops; 160 volunteered and the present handsmen were selected. The next day

Colonel Dowdle read the 121 Psalm, exhorting the congregation to
 resting upon David's Helper, Keeper, and Preserver. The Colonel had nicely got
 hold of the people's attention and interest and was warning them to
 fine commentaries, when the Commissioner entered the room and
 insisted that he pointed out a mark called for a

or the Captain's invitation. On a recent Sunday she said, "The Lord had kept her on her knees all afternoon at home," and at night the meeting was out of more than ordinary power. This sister broke out into prayer, and the whole corps caught the flame, and a general wave, or tumult if you like, of prayer broke out. To make things better, just at the time the people came trooping in from the neighboring

about. "On home is retired, but there is a sidewalk to the gate, and although Methodists we are friendly to the Army and have always bought the paper from Capt. _____ (several names mentioned), and have been glad to receive their visits. But the present officers Papa has only seen at the barracks when he has been able to get there, which is not very often. The time is drawing near for a change we think," so must try and make the acquaintance of the next comers." Do officers ever leave behind them a list of the families they are in the habit of visiting, and if they do, do the new comers take trouble to keep up the intercourse?

W A R C R Y

NOTE.—*Interesting Items of the Dominion War are earnestly requested from Comrades and Friends.*

An Indian soldier was asked a few days ago, "Can you go to M—— to the big meetings?" The answer came readily.

It is impossible to go into all the many features of the meeting, each excelling its predecessor in feeling and effect, suffice to say that the whole audience was moved to enthusiasm and every face shone with delight.

We tried to trace the inner inspiration expressed by the many smiles around us but all were eclipsed and overwhelmed by the wreaths of joy that decorated the massive chin and capacious oral cavity of

A minister in the Woodstock Division has been much interested in the Indian work since the visit of the Contingent. He sends about a dollar and says if he could get the demand for Indian work the U. S. A. should have it all for India. He wants all the printed information about the work that can be procured.

The following from the letter of an esteemed correspondent may not "adorn a tale," but it certainly points a moral, "I send five cents and a stamp for a Wax Card which I want particularly; I should have got it from our gift officers, but as they have never yet called on our place I could not

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